

AP European History

Entrance task: Discuss with your table mates how life changed in the 14th century

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Prelude to Disaster & the Black Death

CHAPTER 11

The Later Middle Ages

1300–1450

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Prelude to Disaster



The Little Ice Age 1300-1450

* How do we know there was climate change during this period?

* Nature, reports by humans, archaeological evidence

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The Little Ice Age 1300-1450

* What was the effect of the colder and wetter climate?

* Wheat, oat, and hay crops were damaged, leading to scarcity and starvation

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The Little Ice Age 1300-1450

- * What were the social consequences of the climate change of this period?
- * Some peasants became vagabonds, were forced into selling or mortgaging their holdings to buy food, population declined as health deteriorated and marriages were postponed, trade was disrupted, crime increased, scapegoats were blamed targeted



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The Black Death



The Dance of Death was a common painting motif of the later Middle Ages.

What was it?



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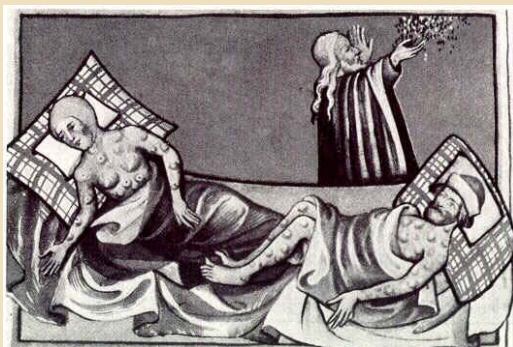


Plague symptoms were first described in southwestern China in 1331 and likely travelled on Mongol caravans to ships through the Black Sea by the 1340s.

Medieval cities were perfect for rat infestation and people were already weakened by famine.

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Care of the Sick



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Dance of Death
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Effects of the Black Death

- * 1/3 of the population of western Europe and Mediterranean world died
- * Survivors had better opportunities for social & economic mobility
- * Specialized agriculture improved use of land
- * Some became more pious, others less

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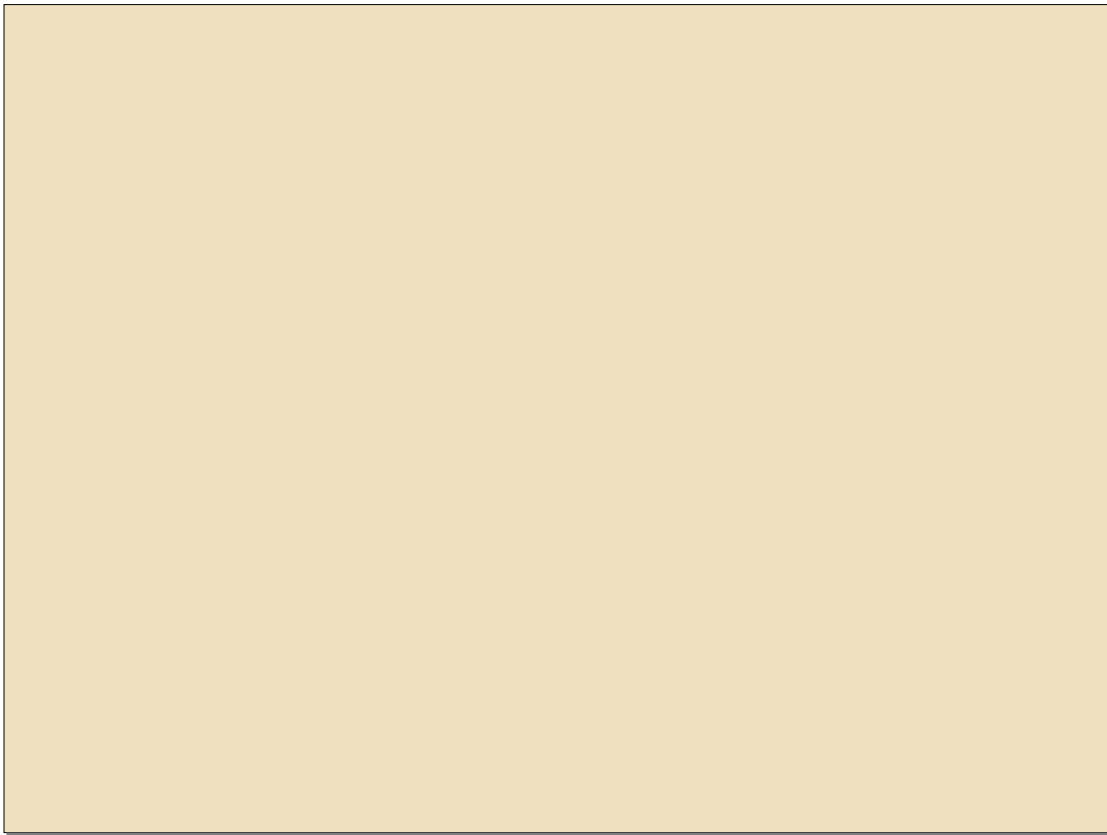
Effects of the Black Death

- * Jews were targeted as scapegoats ~ why?
- * New colleges were founded to fill the void left by the declining number of clergy

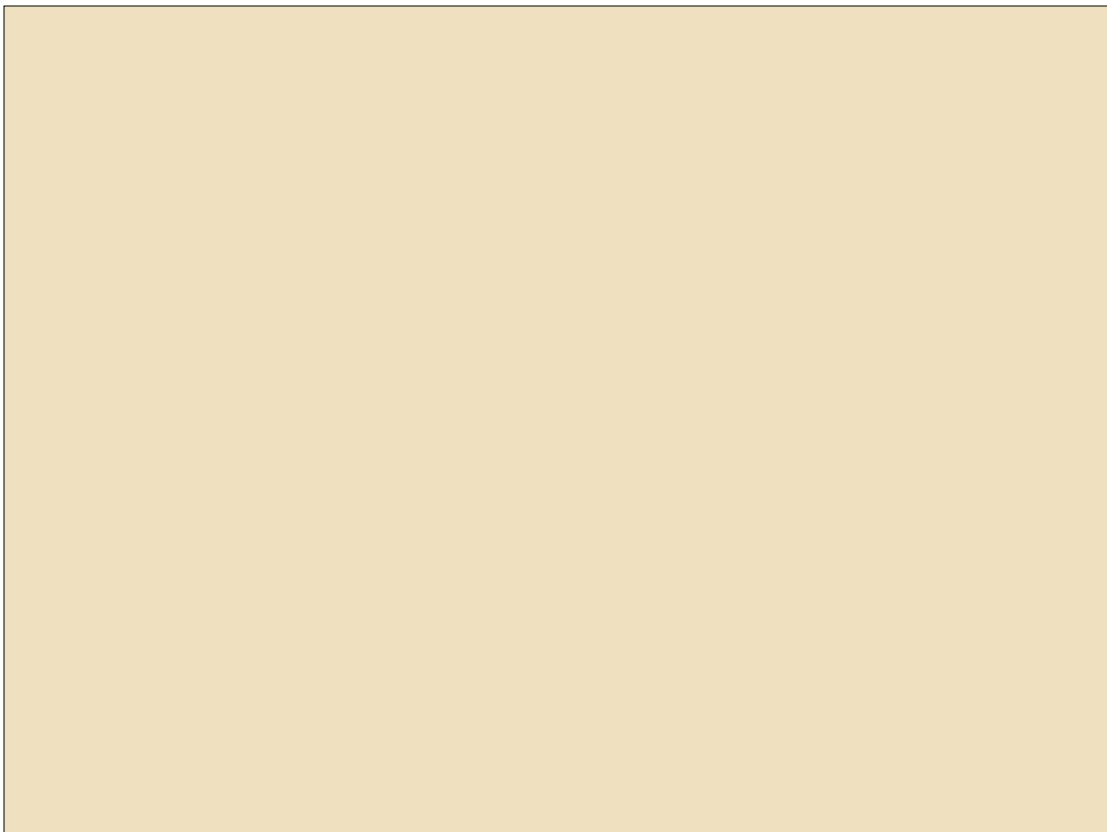
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Homework - CH. 11-2 The Hundred Years' War

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V. Social Unrest in a Changing Society

F. Literacy and Vernacular Literature

1. Dante's Divine Comedy
2. Chaucer's Canterbury Tales
3. Spread of Lay Literacy

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